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1. Since there have been no "strike and liquidation" (tou cheng 斗争) movements in Northwest Manchuria, the population enjoys a very comfortable existence.

2. Hailar (119-44, 49-13) has approximately 89,000 inhabitants, one-third (C-4) of whom are Soviet citizens. The latter appear to be in very favorable financial circumstances.

3. Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22) commodity prices, 4 June 1947:

Flour	140 Chinese Communist Northeast notes per catty
Sorghum	40
Millet	40
Cornmeal	30
Bean oil	220
Rice	150
Pork	200
Beef	160

4. The gasoline used in Hailar is brought from the USSR. It retails at 400 Chinese Communist Northeast notes per catty. Kerosene costs 30 CCNE per catty.

5. Chalandun (122-44, 48-01) has 20,000 inhabitants, of whom more than half are Mongols. The chief occupation of these Mongols is cattle-raising, although some work in the lumber industry. Lumber produced in Chalandun is reserved for Soviet use.

6. The Chalannoerh (扎兰诺尔) coal mine (117-40, 49-25), 60 li southeast of Manchouli (117-27, 49-36), is producing 180 tons of coal daily, 300 miners being employed there. The mine is under the control of Chinese Communists, and the total output is consumed by the local population.

7. During March 1947 the Chinese Communists transported 350 railway cars of soyabean oil from Manchouli to the Soviet border. The exact tonnage is not known; however, all cars were loaded to the limit of their capacity (about 30 tons each?).

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- [REDACTED] 8. Cereals from the eastern and northern areas of Manchuria, around Peian (126-34, 48-16) and Koshan (125-56, 48-08), are being sent to the Soviet border via Angangchi (123-48, 47-13).
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- [REDACTED] 9. The Chinese Communist Trading Bureau in Tsitsihar is buying large quantities of gold and silver. The metals are packed in small cloth bags and sent to the USSR accompanied by Chinese Communist army officers.
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- [REDACTED] 10. In late March 1947, 60 railway cars loaded with cotton-wool, olive-colored military cloth, sugar, gasoline, and kerosene arrived in Manchouli from the USSR. The goods were transported southward.
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- [REDACTED] 11. The export and import of goods through the northwest region must be approved by the Mongolian autonomous government /Hulunbuir Autonomous Government/. three-fourths of whose employees are Mongols. In Hailar the Chinese Communists have set up offices and a (branch?) railroad bureau. [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED] 12. A cinema theater has been opened jointly by the Soviets and Chinese Communists in Manchouli. It has a seating capacity of 2,000 and is luxuriously decorated. Soviet films are usually shown, at the admission price of 120 Chinese Communist Northeast notes.

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